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He States Generall of the
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uinces, hauing wel, wisely
and deliberately conside-
red of, and consulted vp-
on, the seuerall reports as
well by the Secular, as the Ecclesiasticall
Deputies of the Nationall Synode from
time to time made vnto them, concerning
the behaiours and actions of the thirteene
persons here vnder named, as also of the
two others that ioyned with them, during
the continuance of the said Synode; and
specially vpon the two Decrees, bearing
date the one, the first, the other, the eigh-
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teenth of Ianuary last past, made and pronounced against them in the name of the said Generall States; as also vpon the sentence pronounced by the said Synode vpon the sixth of May against them, and by the said Generall States ratified and approued. In like sort hauing well considered vpon their answere made vnto certaine propositions and interrogatories, which by the said Generall States vpon the 25 of May, in the Towne of Dort were propounded vnto them: together with their answers by word of mouth vpon the third, and againe this present 19 day of Iuly, by euery one of them seuerally and apart reiterated, before the assembly of the said Generall States, touching an Act made for the dismissing of them from their Spirituall functions: and appointing them to liue as Secular persons, the contents thereof being, that they should faithfully promise, with vpright hearts and consciences, from thenceforth, not to intrude themselues, nor once take vpon them to deale in any spirituall affaires, seruices or ceremonies, as Ministers, Teachers, or Officers of the Church; nor to meddle with the same.

same in any manner whatsoever, openly or secretly, directly or indirectly, neither within nor without the Townes, Villages, and places of the United Prouinces, nor the resorts thereof, but to behaue themselves ciuilly, honestly, peaceably and modestly, as particular and Secular subiects ought to doe, and to gouerne themselves orderly according to the commandements and precepts of the superiour power, and to be obedient thereunto. To the which Decree and sentence so pronounced, euery one of them seuerally for himselfe (*Henricus Leo* onely excepted, who thereunto willingly subscribed) made answer, that concerning their consciences, they were not bound to be obedient vnto the said Generall States, for that thereby (as they said) they were prohibited and restrained from participating their counsels and oppinions concerning their doctrine to and amongst the assemblies of those that are of their opinions in their religion, which might bee required of them, ought of the publike Churches. Their said answer and declaration being wholly conformable to the hurtfull, dangerous

rous and pernicious complot and league made by some of their confederates, in forme and manner of an Anti-synode, without the consent and commission of the lawfull Magistrates, in the Towne of Rotterdam, vpon the fifth of March last past: wherunto they (or at the least, the most part of them) vpon the 25 of May aforesaid, did confesse and acknowledge to bee consenting, and acquainted therewithall; in such manner, that by their aforesaid proceedings, as also by all other their actions and comportments, it euidently appeareth, and is most manifest, that they stubburnely and wilfully continue in their insupportable stiff-neckednes, and disobedience against their lawfull Magistrates, and that the same their proceedings tend onely, to a further disturbance and trouble of the minds and willes of the good and faithfull inhabitants and subiects of the said Vnited Prouinces as also to the perturbation not onely of politike gouernment, but of the religion which they, by all the meanes they could deuise hitherto haue sought, and yet seek to withdraw and separate from the generall

and vpright feeling, and consent of the true Reformed Churches, both within and without the land. Therefore the said Generall States haue declared, & by these presents do declare the said persons & their adherents aforesaid, to bee hereby discharged, and wholly dismissed of, and from all Spirituall functions, offices and duties vsually performed in the Church, and meerey made Secular persons, and that they whose names are hereafter recited, be banished.

The Names of such principall Remonstrants, as are perpetually banished by this Decree.

Bernerus Wezekius, Henricus Hollingerus, Simon Episcopus, Iohannes Arnoldi Corinus, Bernardus Dwinglonius, Eduardus Popius, Theophilus Rickwaerdius, Phillippus Pinakerus, Dominicus Sapma, Isaacus Frederici, Samuel Xeranus, Thomas Goswinus, Assuerus Mathisius, and Carolus Niellius.

These by certaine Officers thereunto appointed, shall bee brought forth of prison,

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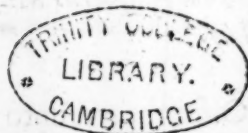
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and conducted out of the United Provinces, and the Soueraigne Reforts of the same, neuer to come nor returne into them againe; before, and vntil such time as it shall sufficiently appeare, and bee made manifest vnto the said Generall States, that they are ready and willing to bee conformable, and to signe vnto the aforesaid A^d; and shall haue obtained the said General States warrant and licence so to doe, vpon paine for doing the contrary, from that time forward (as perturburs of the common peace and quietnesse of the land) to bee punished according to the discretions of the General States.

Giuen at the Assembly of the said Generall States in the Grauen Hage, the 15 of Iuly, 1619. *Stilo Nouo*. Signed, *A. Ploos v^r*. And vnderneath, by order from the Generall States, Signed

C. Aerssen.



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